

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND SERVICES

SUNDAY: 4:00p Saturday;
8:00a, 10:30a, & 5:00p

WEEKDAYS: 7:00a

SATURDAY: 7:00a; 4:00p (fulfills
Sunday obligation)

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:
Contact the Rectory for Mass times.

ROSARY: Monday-Saturday after
the 7:00a Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Arrangements for Baptism and for
the Baptismal Program, which is to
precede it, must be made with the
Rectory Office by expectant parents.
Adults and children over age 6
seeking Baptism are encouraged to
call the Rectory and talk with one of
the priests.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:
After 7:00a Mass Monday through
Saturday; and Saturday 3:00-3:45p

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:
Congratulations on this momentous
step! Arrangements need to be
made at least 9 months in advance.
A marriage preparation program is
required. Call the Rectory.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS:
Adoration Chapel is open Monday
through Friday, 8:00a - 4:00p, with
Exposition from 1:00p until 4:00p.
Holy Hour: Second Thursday of
the month, 7:00p - 8:00p in Church

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:
If you or your loved one is sick or
homebound and unable to attend
church, please call Sr. Ann Vincent
to arrange for Holy Communion.

The Sign of St. Christina Church

November 10, 2024



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

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St. Christina Parish Mission Statement:

...a Catholic community of faith called to be God's Holy People. Continually formed and fed by Our Lord in Word and Sacrament, together we strive to love and serve, invite and unite, support and challenge one another to joyfully live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

(Adopted Dec. 1996)



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Weekly Events - Nov. 10-16, 2024

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Homebound Meals.....SH8-11 a.m.
Religious EducationSch/HSch.....8:30-10 a.m.
SportsGYM1-9 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024

Veterans Day ProgramCh8:10 a.m.
Cub Scout MeetingSH4-7 p.m.
SportsGYM4:15-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Brownie Troop 26293 MtgSH2:45-4 p.m.
SportsGYM4:15-9 p.m.
Cub Scout MeetingSH5-7 p.m.
Reconciliation for CommunicantsCh5:30 & 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Enrichment ClassesSH2:30-3:30 p.m.
Brownie Troop 26292 MtgSH3:30-4:30 p.m.
SportsGYM4:15-9 p.m.
Cub Scout MeetingSH5-7 p.m.
Choir PracticeCh6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

Savvy Senior Meeting.....PC/PCCR12-2 p.m.
SportsGYM4:15-9 p.m.
Cub Scout MeetingSH5-7 p.m.
Boy Scout Meeting.....CH6:30-8 p.m.
Holy Hour.....Ch7 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

SportsGYM4:15-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

SportsGYM9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Please Note: GYM is not available for practice until after 4:15 p.m. and Parish Center & Conference Room are not available until after 6 p.m. due to Extended Care.

Ch: Church

CH: Church Hall

HSch: Homan Building

Sch: School

SH: School Hall

SchL: School Library

PC: Parish Center

PCCR: Parish Center Conference Room

MC: Ministry Center

MCCR: Ministry Center Community Rm.

MCDR: Ministry Center Dining Room

MChpl: Ministry Center Chapel

Rectory Hours

The Rectory is open Monday through Friday from
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday.



A WORD FROM Fr. Ryan

Imagine, if you will the scene from today's Gospel. Jesus is surrounded by His disciples, silent and watching. In front of Him people are lining up. Each person clutching a bag full of coins which they empty on a desk. A clerk writes the amount and gives them the account book to sign. Soon enough, an old poor widow appears at the front of the line. People don't pay much attention to her, holding her two simple coins in her hands. Jesus notices.

Those two coins are all that this poor woman has. There are many excuses for her to keep those two coins: 1) "What difference does it make if she keeps them? The temple's finances won't collapse without her meager offering." 2) "She may be fearful that the clerk and other witnesses may think less of her." 3) "This is probably the only money for her to survive. She needs it more than the officials of the temple."

However, this woman gives it all, everything she has, and those two coins tug at God's "Heart-Strings." Jesus smiles.

Sometimes we can feel the temptation that what little we give, isn't enough. Or, what little we give doesn't make a difference. What we may have to offer may seem like two simple coins. But, if it is all we have, give it.

Just this week our city suffered another horrific and unnecessary tragedy. Chicago Police Officers were answering a "shots fired" call. The responding officers were ambushed by criminals with guns. Tragically, Chicago Police Officer Enrique Martinez lost his life while serving to protect our city.

Initial reports indicate that, prior to Monday night's incident, the murderer of Officer Martinez forcibly removed a court-issued ankle monitor. This violent man should have been in jail or prison. Yet, he was out on the street committing violent crime.

There are too many violent people on our city streets. There are far too many guns, illegally obtained, in the hands of criminals. And yet, there seems to be no accountability! What are we to do when it seems as if the solutions proposed by City, County, and State aren't protecting us?

We can take heed of the widow's courage in today's Gospel! We can "give" our prayer, our faith, our love. As little as it may seem to the outside world, Jesus will see. And His heart will be warmed by it.

We can give our prayer, our faith, our love. In the end, it's all we got. And it'll be enough! What little we give from our heart will make a difference. Jesus notices. The family of Officer Martinez notices. Our first responders notice. And eventually, those responsible for the bad policies that lead to so much violence will hear us too! Our voice, our love, our desire to grow close to Jesus will make a difference. If we support each other, pray for one another, and love one another in the midst of another preventable violent tragedy, Jesus will smile — because hope prevails.

Oremus pro invicem!

Fr. Ryan P. Brady



VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2024

8:10 am
St. Christina Church



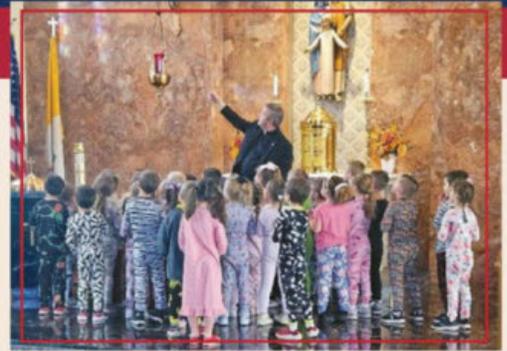
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

SONGS AND PERFORMANCES BY
SAINT CHRISTINA STUDENTS

school NEWS

All are welcome!

The Kindergartens at St. Christina were treated to a special rosary Mass with Fr. Ryan. The students were able to get their rosaries blessed and get a VIP tour of our Church, including the beautiful meaning behind our stained glass windows.



7th graders participated in the annual Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Lions Club. Each student designed a poster to visually communicate what peace looks like to them. Congrats to all of our 7th graders for the amazing art and especially to the 7th graders that placed.



1ST



2ND



3RD



Congrats to our 8th grade students for taking 2nd Place in the St. Laurence Scholastic Bowl!

#CardinalsSoar

A Prayer for Our Veterans

Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,
You have blessed us with
brave men and women
who are willing to defend our freedom.
May Your protection and grace surround them
each day.

Let Your healing hand be upon those
who suffer wounds and injuries.
May those who have made the
ultimate sacrifice rest forever in
Your Holy Presence.

Comfort the families who mourn
and are left to remember
the precious lives of their loved ones.
Help us to honor and support them.

Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made
on behalf of the American people by our
sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers,
fathers, and friends.

Amen



Holy Hour

Please join us this Thursday,
November 14th, for Holy Hour with
Rosary and Benediction at 7:00 p.m. in the
church. Since we will be celebrating Thanksgiving in a
few weeks, come and reflect on all the things, events,
or people in our lives that we should be thankful for.
Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday.



Savvy Senior Meeting

Thursday, November 14th

**12:00 Noon in the Parish Center
Game Day and Brown Bag Lunch**

Get together with some friends and decide if you
want to play Bunco, a card game, or some type of
board game like Trivial Pursuit. You provide your
game and bring a brown bag lunch and beverage. Bot-
tled water will be available.

Also, we will be collecting non-perishable food
and toiletries for Pat's Pantry, so bring your donations
to the Parish Center and they will be delivered.

RSVP to Joan at mulcahy72@att.net or Eileen at
773-445-0802.

Women's Sodality News

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 20th** at 7:15 p.m. in the School Hall for our next meeting. Email
any questions to saint.christina.sodality@gmail.com.



Early Bulletin Submission Deadlines

The submission deadlines for the **November 24th** and **December 1st** bulletins
have been moved up because of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday:

- Submissions to the **November 24th bulletin** are due by **THIS Friday, November 15th**.
- Submissions to the **December 1st bulletin** are due by **Tuesday, November 19th**.

To submit items to *The Sign*, please email your announcement (**HARD COPIES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED**) to Marybeth Sprague at saint.christina.bulletin@gmail.com. **We reserve the right to edit submissions for content or space.**

Microsoft Word is preferred; flyers may be PDFs, but please try to avoid full-page flyers or include a short written announcement as an alternative in case bulletin space is tight.

I appreciate your cooperation in working ahead. Thank you!

- Marybeth Sprague, Bulletin Editor

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone who helped make the All Souls Mass and celebration of life so special for those who lost a loved one in the past year. Special thanks to Father Dennis Ziomek for celebrating the Mass and for his very touching and heartfelt homily; and to our cantor, Mary Kay Notter, pianist Carol Reich, violinist Sara Vettraino, and flutist Lori Lowczyk, whose singing and music made the night very special. Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with the candles and in the reading of the names, and to the Bereavement Committee, without whose help in the preparation and assistance this celebration could not have happened. And a heartfelt thank you to all who attended the All Souls Mass.

God Bless each and every one,

Deacon John F. Mutnansky

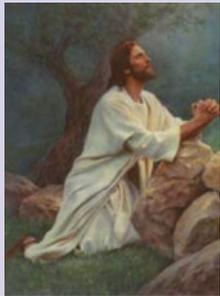
Attention Lectors

Your 2025 Workbooks are available in the Sacristy. Please pick up your copy as soon as possible.



Holy Name News

The St. Christina Holy Name Men's Club will hold their third annual coat drive during the Masses the weekend of **November 23rd & 24th**. The previous coat drives were a tremendous success, thanks to the generosity of parishioners. Boxes will be set up in the vestibule for the donation of new or gently used coats.



Adoration Chapel Adorers Needed!

During this time of Eucharistic Revival, Catholics around the country have been looking for and doing devotions and practices to enhance their experiences and lives around the Eucharist. That is being closer to Jesus and building a stronger relationship with him. They are offering him thanksgiving for what he has done and continues to do for them. A good way to do this is to be in adoration before him and a perfect place to do that is in a quiet place like our chapel. If you have been wanting to do this, now is the time to join us in our need for volunteers and become a regular adorer who is willing to commit **one hour, one day** a week for the Exposition hours between 1:00-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Since our last appeal, we have lost more of these devoted people. Please think and pray about this urgent need. Your help is really and truly needed. If you have any questions or want to sign up for adoration, please contact Carol Smith at 708-217-7301, Joe Kinnerk at 773-253-8911, or Karen Mutnansky at 773-233-3709.

Please pray and seriously consider becoming a member of this ministry.



St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach

The mission of the St. Christina Parish Domestic Violence Outreach Committee is to provide education and raise awareness of domestic violence, promote linkage to services, and empower prevention efforts of domestic violence among the St. Christina community. To fulfill our mission, we maintain a safe and confidential outlet to foster hope for survivors, abusers, or concerned individuals.

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in any intimate relationship whereby one partner seeks to gain or maintain control over the other. The abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional and psychological. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, religion and gender. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds or educational levels.



Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline: 1-877-863-6338

Collection for the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team

The men and women with the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team are deployed in Africa, Jordan, Syria, and Poland. Some of these individuals are from our area. A collection of items will be taken at the Masses the weekend of **November 16th & 17th**. These items will be shipped in time for them to receive them by Christmas. Items needed are listed below. Please consider donating.

- Hot sauce (Taco Bell type sauce packets or small bottles)
- Water flavoring packets
- Beef jerky/Slim Jims (beef sticks)
- Protein bars
- Gum
- Candy (licorice, hard candies, gummies)
- Corn nuts, peanuts
- Sunflower seeds (All flavors)
- High-quality socks
- Soap (shampoo, body wash, face wash, etc.)
- Dental floss
- Deodorant (travel size/non-aerosol)
- Lip balm
- Foot powder
- Baby wipes
- Sunscreen
- Hand sanitizer
- Pain-relieving topical cream
- Vicks VapoRub
- Hand Warmers
- Sewing kits
- Lens cleaning cloths and glass cleaner for goggles
- Reading material (magazines, books)
- Handheld video games
- Board games
- Decks of cards
- Puzzles
- Plastic model kits
- Baseball gloves/baseballs
- Footballs
- Batteries (AAs and AAAs)
- Pencils
- 3M wall hooks to decorate



Co-Ed Basketball Skills Clinic

WE PUT THE FUN IN FUNDAMENTALS! The 8th Grade Fundraising Committee is hosting a **Co-Ed Basketball Skills Clinic** on Friday, November 29th at St. Christina Gym. Players will work with St. Christina coaches on dribbling, shooting and passing techniques. Times are as follows: 3rd/4th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., 5th/6th from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and 7th/8th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 per player and the deadline to register is Monday, November 25th. Only 30 spots are available for each session, so register today! For more information or to register, email Coach Allison at arpawlicki@gmail.com.



Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

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Dear Father Ryan Brady,

I want to thank you for the kindness and consideration you showed me when I visited your parish. I was very impressed with your attentiveness to your parishioners and the way you relate to them. I know you will be a pastor dear to the Lord's heart. It was a great blessing to meet you and the parishioners.

Thank you again.

- Members of St. Christina Parish, -

Thank you so much for your kindnesses while I was with you for Twentieth Sunday worship services. I am grateful for your attentive listening to how the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill are ministering in South Korea, China and Ecuador.

It was an honor to join you in vibrant liturgies and in conversations after Masses.

Thank you also for your prayerful remembrance of our ministries and for your financial contributions to the missions.

I will continue to lift you all in prayer, as will all the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. May God bless you and all your loved ones.

Gratefully,

Sr. Kwangshim Oh, S.C.
Coordinator for Mission Support



Vocation Raffle to Benefit Our Local Seminarians

Father Perez Council #1444 of the Knights of Columbus will be in the rear of the church after each of the Masses on November 9th & 10th selling raffle tickets for the annual vocation raffle that benefits our local seminarians. Tickets are \$1 or a book for \$15. The grand prize is \$10,000 and second place is \$2,500 with a total of 20 winners totaling \$20,000. The drawing will be held on December 8th. Please consider purchasing tickets or donating to support our worthy seminarians. Thank you in advance and may God bless you and your family during this upcoming Christmas season and beyond.

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by the now-Blessed Father Michael McGivney to provide families with security within our Faith. Become a better man, husband, and father. Become a better Catholic. Become a Knight. Please see a Knights representative in the back of the church for information on joining our Order.

Split the Pot

On Wednesday, November 6, Envelope No. 1064 was drawn. **There was no winner.** The next drawing will be Wednesday, November 13. The next Split the Pot **total prize amount** will be at least \$818.00. Winner will receive 50% of the total prize amount. To be eligible for the drawing, you must use two separate envelopes for the current week. In your regular weekly envelope, your contribution **must** be at least \$5 and you **must** use the corresponding week's Split the Pot envelope with a \$5 contribution in that envelope **to be included in the weekly Split the Pot drawing. Envelopes must be in the Rectory Office by 9:00 a.m. on the Monday morning immediately after the weekend. Good luck next week!**



Pray for Our Servicemen and Women



Please pray for the following members of St. Christina Parish families who are serving in the military:

MSGT. John Beasley	Pfc. Matthew Hastings, USAF	2nd LT Justin M. O'Connell, US Army
Sgt. Lauren N. Bilotta Lipcamon	Sgt. Nicholas Stephen Hoiseck	William "Bill" O'Connell, USMC
Eric Bour	Michael Hughes	LCpl. Jessica Oliver, USMC
Cpl. Benjamin Brasher, USMC	Michael Insley, USMC	Sgt. Dan T. Pacheco
David Breier, USN	Cpl. Matthew Julkowski, USMC	Shane Pennington
2nd Lt. Dan Caddigan	Tony Kalabsa, US Army	PFC Jake Polselli, US Army
Cpt. Michael Caddigan	FT2 (SS) Sean Michael Kampwirth, USN	Cpl. Gerald A. Potempa, USMC
Cpt. Breedge Cafferty	CSM Michael Kelly	Megan Prosapio, USN
Maj. Mary Cassidy	Captain Katherine Kezon	Vincent Prosapio III, USN
Pvt. Matthew J. Chausse, US Army	Matthew Kilroe, USMC	Christopher Quinn
CSM Joseph Cistaro	Maggie Kimmell	Cpl. Joseph F. Quinn IV, USMC
Nicole Clausius	LCpl. Jonathon D. Knidsen	LCpl Billy Rappold, USMC
SPC Dylan Collura	General James Kokaska	Nolan Rowling, US Army
Jean Comptois	Sgt. A. Michael Krueger III, USMC	Steven Rowling, USMC
Logan Conway	Brandon Machura, USN	Warren B. Schamakel
Anthony DeAvila, US Navy	Ryan Markmann	Cody Scriver
Cpl. Kevin Donnelly	Captain Patricia F. McNamara, USMC	LT Matthew Sebok, USN
LCpl Francis J. Doyle, USMC	Scott A. Milcarek	Wayne Sherman
SPC Daniel Driscoll	Lt Col John Mutnansky, Jr.	Cpt. Hans Christian Sitarz
Sgt. Matthew Dumais	SrA Megan Mutnansky	Benjamin Somers, USAF, E2 Airman
Charles J. Dvorak	Cpl. Nicole L. Mutnansky, USMC	Cpl. Donald Stalzer, USMC
SSG Kyle T. Escalona, US Army	2Lt. Paulina Mutnansky, Army	SPC Jordan Stover
S.G.G. Jerome Gardner	2Lt. Rickey Mutnansky, Army	Lt. Ashley Strong, USN
Cpl. James Garringer	1SG Wayne F. Mutnansky	LCpl Joe Sullivan, USMC
PFC Joey Golden, US Army	1st Lt. Jamie Neumann	SSG Daniel Taff, US Army
Henry Gorski, USMC	SPC Taylor O'Callaghan	Dakota Trueba, USN
CPT Jennifer Grabarek, US Army		Scott Vega
SSG Michael Grabarek, US Army		Ed Voelker, USN
Daniel J. Grand, USMC		John Lawrence Weston
1st Lt. Lindsay Hartig		Cpt. Eileen White
		SPC Frankie Zoller, US Army





Monday, Nov. 11 – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

7:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Christina

Tuesday, Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat, Bishop

7:00 a.m. † Michael McDevitt; † Ted Staskiewicz, Sr;
† John, Evelyn, & Ted Scudder

**Wednesday, Nov. 13 – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini,
Virgin**

7:00 a.m. † Ray Smulkis

Thursday, Nov. 14 – Weekday

7:00 a.m. † Mary Steen

**Friday, Nov. 15 – St. Albert the Great, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church**

7:00 a.m. † Lawrence Dunn

**Saturday, Nov. 16 – St. Margaret of Scotland;
St. Gertrude, Virgin**

7:00 a.m. † Judy Neary

2:00 p.m. Wedding: Alexis Plante & Sean Callahan

4:00 p.m. † Lawrence Dunn; † Edward Morrissey;
† Edward, † Emily, & † Richard Supis;
† Dorothy Kloss

**Sunday, Nov. 17 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:00 a.m. † Diane Oboikovitz; † Darlene Clark;
† Peter Dages

10:30 a.m. † Russell & Elizabeth Barton;
† Diane Sobczak; † Ed Winstead

5:00 p.m. † Victor & Marie Valentinas;
† JoAnn Gallagher; † Sean Stack

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 16

4:00 p.m. President: Fr. Ziomek
Lector: B. Silva
E.M.: Deacon Stanley; D. Brueckman;
M. Smith

Sunday, November 17

8:00 a.m. President: Fr. John Sullivan
Lector: P. Stefaniak
E.M.: D. Higgins; R. Schultz; J. Schultz

10:30 a.m. President: Fr. Svida
Lector: S. Barry
E.M. Deacon John; T. Liston; Th. Liston

5:00 p.m. President: Fr. Brady
Lector: M. Donegan
E.M. D. Ryan; T. Rappold; E. McDermott

COLLECTION TOTALS

Sunday Collection, November 2-3, 2024: \$9,441.51

Support Your Parish: \$3,320.00 Sharing: \$326.00

All Saints: \$1,849.00 All Souls: \$1,748.00

WeShare Donations for October 2024: \$6,843.33

Thank you for your generosity.

WeShare — Online Giving

If you wish to give online, please go to our parish website, stchristinaparish.org, where you can find more information about online giving. On the left side of the home page click on Online Giving WeShare and follow the instructions, or you can call 877-316-0260 for assistance.

Parish Registration Form

St. Christina Parish Registration form is available on the parish website: stchristinaparish.org. Click on "Our Parish" tab on the left side of the screen then click on Parish Registration and follow the instructions. **You must be a registered parishioner to receive envelopes.**

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